

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 23, 2003, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2003.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Keyspan Energy Delivery for a grant of location to install 620 ft. of 4" cast iron gas main with 6" plastic gas main between 13 and 56 Bartlett St.
4. Petition Wilcox & Barton LLC on behalf of New Hampshire Boring Inc. for a grant of location to install 8 monitoring wells: 3 in Broadway, 2 in Victoria St. and 3 in Waterhouse St.
5. Petition Somerville Auto Center Inc., 193 Somerville Ave., for a Garage License for 35 vehicles with a paint booth.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

6. Citation By the Entire Board, Commending the Little Sisters of the Poor on the happy occasion of the twenty fifth anniversary of the Jeanne Jugan Residence.
7. Citation By the Entire Board, Congratulating James O'Connor for 23 years of dedicated service to Somerville and its veterans.
8. Citation By the Entire Board, Commending SCM Community Transportation on the celebration of their twentieth year of service to Somerville's senior citizens and people with disabilities.

9. Resolution By Ald. Curtatone, O'Donovan and Heuston, Regarding the purchasing of prescription drugs from Canadian pharmaceutical companies.
10. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the restriction against parking within a bus stop, at the bus stops in the vicinity of Brady Towers, located at 252 Medford St.
11. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Alderman on the status of the "One Way" petition submitted to the Traffic and Parking Commission over six months ago.
12. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the stairway descending from the Prospect Hill Tower onto Prospect Hill Parkway as this area poses a potential public safety hazard.
13. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the No Parking regulation at the intersection of Highland Ave and Medford St., near the driveway for Brady Towers at 252 Medford St.
14. Order By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the MDC to request that they clean the area from McGrath Hwy. to Somerville Ave., abutting the overpass, and to coordinate their efforts and responsibilities with the City.
15. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a STOP sign at the corner of Fenwick and Heath Sts.
16. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing RADCLIFF RD. street sign at the corner of Walnut St.
17. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and Chief of Police take appropriate action to enforce the restriction against parking in front of driveways in and around Maple Ave., School St. and the church area on School St. on Friday and Saturday eves.
18. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols to disperse the people gathering in the vicinity of Maple Ave. and Marshall St.

19. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Chief of Police investigate the U-Haul truck bearing Arizona license plates that has been parked on the upper part of Wheatland St. at all hours of the day and night.
20. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Commissioner of Public Works clear the brick steps going from upper Moreland St. to lower Moreland St. of tree branches and overgrown bushes, as they are creating a safety hazard.
21. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign and pole at the corner of Puritan Rd. and Shore Drive.
22. Order By Ald. McCallum and White, That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the ONE WAY sign at the corner of Moreland and Main Sts. and replace it with a MORELAND ST. sign.
23. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works confer with the City of Boston and the MBTA to ensure that the walkway under Rt. 93 leading to the Sullivan Sq. MBTA station has a snow and ice removal program.
24. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works arrange to have the stop line in front of Cobble Hill at Myrtle St. repainted and have the tree trimmed that is blocking the signage for this stop line.
25. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take the necessary measures to fix the flashing lights at Walnut and Pearl Sts. ASAP as they are posing a pedestrian safety hazard.
26. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inform the manager of Boulter Plywood on Broadway (at Mt. Vernon St.), of the operating hours attached to their license and also ensure that a safety hazard does not exist in the rear of the building where they stack their lumber.
27. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines inspect ASAP the street light in Skilling Place adjacent to 240 Pearl St. to determine who is responsible for replacing the bulb and act accordingly.
28. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 458 Medford St. as it is causing a safety hazard.

29. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works take immediate action to answer the complaint issued (see attached copy of letter) by the property owner at 156 Orchard St. relative to damage caused by a city tree, and take any action necessary to assist the homeowner and minimize further damage.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and Director of Public Health inspect 97 College Ave. for any and all health and/or zoning code violations, especially the disposal and storage of trash in the rear of the building and abutting properties and take all necessary action to sanction the property owner.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays prior to Monday holidays, between 11 PM and 4 AM, to take notice of numerous noise complaints at 942 Broadway for noisy, unruly and disruptive tenants causing disturbances on weekends due to loud parties and rowdy behavior, and take all necessary action to curtail the activity.
32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the Director of Public Health inspect 942 Broadway for any and all health and/or building code violations, and take immediate action to sanction the property owner.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the slanted sidewalk panel in front of 67 Holland St. as numerous tripping incidents have been reported by abutting businesses, some resulting in medical attention by emergency medical personnel.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services inspect 64 Willow Ave. for compliance with the building code for the renovations apparently ongoing at the back and side of the property, and advise of any actions in writing ASAP.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for the Davis Square area trash disposal receptacles on Grove St. behind the Elm St. businesses, and the rear of 240 Elm St. Social Security office between 12 AM and 7 AM for violators of the ordinance prohibiting trash collection prior to 7 AM.

36. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police contact Tufts University Police to make a concerted effort to curtail party activity at the fraternity house at 114 Curtis St. and to respond jointly to all calls to this location.
37. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the 6 newspaper boxes on the sidewalk in front of Johnnie's Foodmaster on Broadway due to the lack of the proper permits being obtained.
38. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the 10 newspaper boxes on the sidewalk in front of the Clarendon Hill bus turn-around due to the lack of the proper permits being obtained.
39. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase patrols at Clarendon Hill for vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk on Broadway.
40. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines make every effort to locate the appropriate company to repair the streetlights on Alewife Brook Parkway at the Somerville/Medford line.
41. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Public Health contact Tufts University regarding the dumpster located at 8-10 Whitfield St. and instruct them not to leave trash piled against the dumpster and also to move it back further from the sidewalk.
42. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk in front of 51 Curtis St
43. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing street sign on Whitfield St. at the intersection of Packard Ave.
44. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the deep depression in the crosswalk at the intersection of Woods and North Sts.
45. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the city owned tree at 33 College Hill Rd. that is causing extensive damage to the sidewalk and property at that address and take the appropriate action to ensure that it does not cause further damage.

46. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Personnel and the City Solicitor report to this Board on the feasibility of making available accounts for city employees and retirees to put aside pre-tax income for the payment of health care and dental care costs not covered by employee/retiree health insurance plans.
47. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor and Director of the Council on Aging report to this Board on what steps must be taken to set up a Council on Aging program through which elderly residents could purchase their prescription drugs directly from a provider in Canada at substantial cost savings, similar to the program recently created by the City of Springfield.
48. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor and the Director of Personnel report to this Board on what steps must be taken to set up a program under which city employees, retirees and their dependents would have the option of purchasing their prescription drugs directly from a provider in Canada at substantial cost savings, similar to the program recently created by the City of Springfield.
49. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of Personnel and the City Solicitor report to this Board on the feasibility of adding a "one-plus" option for city employee/retiree health insurance plans as a less expensive alternative to the available "family" plans that provide more coverage than the available "single" plans.
50. Order By Ald. Provost and McCallum, That the appropriate city department take whatever steps are necessary to provide a crossing guard on Broadway at the crosswalk near Sycamore St. for children traveling to and from school in the mornings and afternoons.
51. Order By Ald. Provost and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the confusing LOWELL ST. sign from the Central St. end of Hudson St., and install, or prevail on the Mass. Highway Department to install, signage which informs drivers of appropriate routes to travel until the Lowell St. Bridge is repaired.
52. Order By Ald. Provost and Roche, That the City Clerk send a letter to the State delegation expressing the support of this Board for the Frank J. Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology at the University of Mass.-Boston, and the request of this Board that our delegation vote to continue tuition waivers for this program for students over 60.

53. Order By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works ensure that crosswalk stripings are re-painted in front of the Cambridge Health Alliance facility on Central St. (formerly Heritage Hospital), and at the intersection of Summer and Central Sts.
54. Order By Ald. Provost and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sunken and cracked sidewalk panel in front of 99 Central St. to eliminate a serious tripping hazard.
55. Resolution By Ald. Provost and Trane, That this Board requests that the Director of the Housing Authority assess the need for additional handicapped parking spaces at Capen Court and Weston Manor, and make reasonable accommodation for such need as is found to exist.
56. Order By Ald. Provost and Trane, That the City Solicitor report to this Board on the legality of striping and numbering parking spaces on Weston Ave. for the exclusive use of certain residents of that way, and whether the way is a public or private one.
57. Order By Ald. Provost, O'Donovan and White, That the City Solicitor report to this Board on the progress of proceedings to stop encroachment on the Bike Path/Linear Park by the property at 35R Lexington Ave.
58. Resolution By Ald. White and Taylor, That this Board requests that the MBTA consider the construction of bus shelters at the T bus stops located at 123 and 130 Highland Ave.
59. Order By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Chief of Police investigate the reported illegal dumping around the railroad tracks near the Lowell St. Bridge, as complaints have been made regarding dump trucks unloading debris at approximately 2 AM, waking several neighbors.
60. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to repair the street light at 221 Pearl St.
61. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Animal Control Officer investigate complaints by Myrtle St. residents of two dogs that are allowed to run free each morning between 6:30 and 7:00 AM, as these dogs are not leashed and are intimidating the neighbors.

62. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking initiate whatever measures are necessary to paint a crosswalk on Pearl St. from the Pearl St. Park sidewalk to the Bus Stop across the street.
63. Order By Ald. Desmond and Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking or the Commissioner of Public Works repair the crosswalk lights that should light up when pedestrians are crossing Broadway at Clarendon Hill Towers and Johnnies Foodmaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

64. Citation Ald. Provost and Entire Board, Commending the Somerville Mathematics Fund for being awarded the Golden Tassel by Dollars for Scholars.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

65. Mayor's Comm. Requesting approval of an order appropriating an additional \$800,000 for the construction or reconstruction of surface drains, sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities.
66. Mayor's Comm. Requesting an extension of the Guertin Assoc. Engineering Contract which provides engineering services for the Temple, Beacon and College Ave. reconstruction.
67. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the use of available funds in the FY04 Police Dept. Ordinary Maintenance budget to pay for outstanding FY03 invoices.
68. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the use of available funds in the Historic Preservation FY04 Ordinary Maintenance budget to pay for outstanding FY03 invoices.
69. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the acceptance of a \$200,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
70. Mayor's Comm. Requesting the acceptance of a \$5,215 grant by the Federal Emergency Management Assoc. Fire Grant Program.
71. Mayor's Comm. Requesting acceptance of a \$4,029.92 grant from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

72. Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Oct. 23.

- 87. Billiards **New Billiard/Pool Table License**
AOD, Inc. d/b/a On the Hill Tavern, 499-509 Broadway, 3
pool tables.
- 88. Used Car **New 2nd Hand Motor Vehicle Class 2 License**
Concord Gas Inc., 73 Summer St.
- 89. Taxi Driver **New Taxi Driver License**
Smith Janvier, 1370 Broadway.
- 90. Taxi Driver Levy Benjamin, 9 Temple St.
- 91. Taxi Driver Jerome Joseph, 11 Medford St., Medford.
- 92. Taxi Driver Rodney Eyma, 43 Bradeen St., Roslindale.
- 93. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**
LaMountain Bros. Inc.
- 94. Claim **Notice of Claim**
Grace Travaglia.
- 95. Claim Rita Hardy.
- 96. Claim Jesse Jannetta.
- 97. Claim Karen Petho.
- 98. Comm. **Communication**
Senator Shannon re: proposed gang ordinances.
- 99. Comm. Representative Ciampa re: the future of the Lowell St.
Bridge.
- 100. Comm. Representative Jehlen re: construction on the Lowell St.
Bridge.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM